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Title: TELESCOPING GUIDE CATHETER WITH PEEL-AWAY OUTER
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OFFICE ACTION RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated May 7, 2004, please consider the following amendment and remarks. The amendments to the claims are presented in accordance with the "revised format" of 37 CFR § 1.121.

Authorization is herewith given to charge/credit **Deposit Account 50-0996 (GUID.037US01)** all requisite fees/overages, including additional claim fees, should any be incurred by this Response filing.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.